



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

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Clermont County Observes Child Support Enforcement Month in August

By: Brenda Gilreath, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement

This month, Child Support Awareness Month is being celebrated statewide and nationally. The federal Office of Child Support has designated August as National Child Support Awareness Month. Ohio's Office of Child Support created the theme "Making a Difference in a Child's Life."

Locally, the Board of Commissioners proclaimed August as Child Support Month in Clermont County during Session on July 20, 2004.

In early August, Child Support Enforcement will disseminate their 2004 Most Wanted Poster. The 2003 poster featured nine "most wanted" offenders owing arrearages in excess of \$287,000. Since publication last August, six of those offenders, owing \$204,000, were apprehended. This year's poster will feature at least nine offenders.



provide information relating to their whereabouts.

Focus will be placed on marketing enrollment for Ohio

e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard, a new method to receive child support payments. Child Support Enforcement is targeting in excess of 6,000 participants for Ohio e-QuickPay. Billboards are displayed in five key locations throughout the County; mass mailings to participants are occurring on a weekly basis; a banner is displayed on the Business & Workforce Resource Center facing Interstate 275; and clermontsupportskids.org is being utilized to market enrollment.



A brochure aimed at encouraging fathers to be proactive in child support matters will be distributed. The brochure describes the benefits of paternity testing and the general availability of child support services to fathers.



Throughout the month, Child Support Enforcement will highlight services provided by the Business & Workforce Resource Center (BWRC). The BWRC, under a cooperative agreement with CSE, provides employment services to child support payors who are unemployed or under employed.

The purpose of Ohio's child support program is to provide children with the opportunity for a better life. By working with both parents to establish and enforce support orders, the child support program helps children receive the financial and medical support they deserve. Ohio's program touches more children than any other program in Ohio, except education, and helps families work toward becoming and remaining self sufficient. (cont'd on page 2)

Open Enrollment: Ohio e-QuickPay

By: Brenda Gilreath, DJFS Child Support Enforcement



The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services now offers the most effective way to receive child support payments, Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard card, the new way to receive payments. Clermont County and five other pilot counties now offer child support recipients the option of getting their payment by Ohio e-QuickPay instead of waiting for a check.

You do not need a personal bank account to participate in this new program. As a card holder of the Ohio e-QuickPay Debit MasterCard, your money can be accessed through point-of-sale devices, wherever MasterCard is accepted. Cash withdrawals can be made at any automated teller machine (ATM) or banking location (teller window) displaying the MasterCard brand mark. Enrollment in Ohio e-QuickPay is guaranteed!

There is no monthly fee for using the card. There is no fee for getting money from a teller at a bank that displays the MasterCard brand mark. There is a transaction fee of \$.75 each time you use an ATM to withdraw money. There is a \$.40 transaction fee for all ATM balance inquiries. There is never a charge for using your card to make purchases at any merchant that accepts MasterCard.

Ohio e-QuickPay is a faster option of receiving payments. Other benefits include no check cashing fees, no worries about lost or stolen checks, the card can be used all across Ohio, the United States, and worldwide. Balance and transaction information is available via the internet and by telephone.

State officials recently visited Clermont County to test the card at local banks and merchant stores. The test went exceptionally well.

Enroll now. For additional information or to request an enrollment form contact Clermont County Child Support Enforcement at (513) 732-7248, visit Clermontsupportskids.org, or contact Ohio Child Support Payment Center Customer support toll free at 1-888-965-2675.

Clermont County is pleased to serve as a pilot county for Ohio e-QuickPay. Citizens in our community will be among the first in the State of Ohio to participate in this new service.

Child Support Enforcement Month (continued from page 1)

In federal fiscal year 2003, \$1.924 billion was collected statewide which was a 2.8 percent increase over 2002. There were 51,517 paternities established, and 920,671 cases were active with 70.7 percent having orders.

- ◆ Ohio Ranked second nationally in total IV-D collections distributed
- ◆ Ohio ranked first nationally in non-Ohio Works First collections
- ◆ Ohio ranked seventh nationally in total paternities established
- ◆ 12,498,529 incoming payments were processed through Child Support Payment Central (CSPC) in calendar year 2003
- ◆ On an average day, CSPC processes 49,994 payments worth \$8,784.



August Commissioner Sessions

Thursday, August 5	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 10	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 17	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 25	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 31	11:00 a.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

Saluting Sergeant Kiser

Hundreds of Clermont County citizens, wearing yellow and other patriotic ribbons, gathered in front of the Clermont County Courthouse on Monday, July 5, 2004, for a service in tribute to Army Reservist Sgt. Charles Kiser.



The Amelia native was killed recently during combat in Iraq.

Among the highlights of the ceremony, nieces and nephews of Sgt. Kiser released balloons with messages inside for their uncle.

Popular Authors Club Seeks New Members

By: Kristin Germann, Clermont Library

Getting the hottest titles at the Clermont County Public Library is a snap...and now it's just a "click" away. The *Popular Authors Club* allows you to learn about a new release from your favorite author and effortlessly place a hold on that title. Information about this club is now online and more convenient than ever.

Members of the *Popular Authors Club* (PAC) automatically have holds placed on new fiction hardcover or audio releases from their favorite authors. It's simple to join. Visit www.clermont.lib.oh.us to view a complete list of authors. Easily browse the list alphabetically, or by genre. Fill out a registration

form at any branch library. Select those authors whose new titles you want, choose the format (standard print, large print, cassette, CD), and the branch where you want to pick up your titles.

The library will create your profile and add your name to the waiting list when new books arrive. When a title is ready to check out, we'll let you know. Your membership is effective for new titles released 2-3 months after you've joined the *Popular Authors Club*. To make changes to your PAC profile, ask for an add/delete form and we'll update your preferences.



Interest in the club is expected to increase by adding the online feature. Holly Varley, CCPL Collection Development Manager, says, "The *Popular Authors Club* is a very popular service. Membership has increased 32 percent to 840 members since last fall. The Internet will make it more visible and accessible to our community."

Remember to view our website for the complete list of authors and stop by your local branch library to register for the *Popular Authors Club* today!

Fair Fever Sweeps Clermont County

The 155th annual Clermont County Fair attracted young and old alike to the fairgrounds in Owensville the last week of July. The executive director of the fair board, Hal Herron, said "tradition" is what keeps families coming back year after year.

Watch your local cable access channels in August for a two-hour fair highlights program.

Union Township Town Meeting

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners will hold another in a series of town meetings in Union Township on Wednesday, August 25, 2004. The meeting will be held at the new Union Township Civic Center, 4350 Aicholtz Road, in Cincinnati, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Citizens are invited to attend to learn about a variety of projects and initiatives planned for Union Township, and throughout Clermont County.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for Chilo Center

By: Keith Robinson, Park District

Over 80 people showed up on June 24, for the groundbreaking ceremony at Chilo Lock #34 Park. The Park District is renovating the powerhouse on the Ohio River, from old Lock and Dam #34 into a visitor center and museum. The visitor center will feature a 1/3 scale model wicket dam, allowing visitors to experience what it was like to work on the dam at Chilo. The project is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2005.



This cute kitten is one of several now available for adoption. Please call!

Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854

Thanks, Michael!

Michael Pierce is celebrating his 20-year anniversary as a Clermont County employee on July 9, 2004.



Red, white, and blue stars were affixed to his work station. Congratulations cards and ice cream cake were the order of the day.

A Heartfelt Thanks

By: Wade Grabowski, Facilities



The Starfish Foundation, A John E. McManus memorial fund that helps abused and neglected children, would like to thank all participants, sponsors, and volunteers that made our eighth annual event the most successful ever. A special thanks to Children's Protective Services for their efforts and to the Office of Public Information for the production of an infomercial that ran on the government channel.

We look forward to your continued support

Clermont Library Events

Search and Rescue Dogs

August 7, 2 p.m.

Watch as search and rescue dogs demonstrate their skills and listen to stories from their handlers about the work they do. Call the Felicity branch at 876-4134.

Introduction to Yahoo!

Email

August 10, 7 p.m.

Sign up for a free web-based email account and learn the basic functions of sending, receiving, and organizing messages. Call the Milford/Miami Twp. branch at 248-0700.



Quilting - A Primer

August 18, 7 p.m.

Theresa Morales shares her talent for quilting. Adults will make a nine patch Irish quilt. Call the Amelia branch library at 752-5580.

Homemade Paper and Pressed Flowers

August 23, 7 p.m.

Mary Helen Mack demonstrates the basics of making paper and pressed flowers. Call the Union Twp. branch library at 528-1744.

The Art of Mehndi

August 28, 1-5 p.m.

Anisha Sanghani explains how to create henna designs, make the henna paste, and to apply the henna using a cone. Call the Amelia branch library at 752-5580.

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